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S E C R E T GENEVA 8689

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFELE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR, RH, UK
SUBJ: RHODESIAN CONFERENCE: THE VAN DER BYL ISSUE

REF: GENEVA 8682

1. AS YOU WILL NOTE FROM THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM, SMITH HAS DECIDED TO DELAY HIS RETURN TO RHODESIA BRIEFLY.

2. IN MEETINGS WITH RICHARD AND MYSELF ON NOV 20 HE LEFT VAN DER BYL OUT AND INCLUDED SQUIRES INSTEAD.
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HE TOLD RICHARD ON NOV 2 THAT SQUIRES WOULD HEAD

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THE RHODESIAN DELEGATION WHEN CONSTITUTIONAL
ISSUES WERE BEING DISCUSSED. SINCE THE CONFERENCE
WILL SHORTLY TURN TO A DISCUSSION OF THE INTERIM
GOVERNMENT, IT WOULD APPEAR SQUIRES WILL BE AN
EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE DELEGATION. SMITH TOLD
ME THAT HE WOULD BE GIVING SQUIRES CAREFUL INSTRUCTIONS.

3. SMITH SEEMS TO HAVE FINESSED THE VAN DER BYL
ISSUE. SQUIRES WHO IS THE LAW AND ORDER MINISTER HAS
A HARD-LINE REPUTATION. NEVERTHELESS, HE APPEARS TO
BE AN EXPERIENCED LAWYER AND A LESS ABRASIVE
PERSONALITY. RICHARD AGREES HE CAN LIVE WITH
THIS ARRANGMENT. CATTO
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